



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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March 2018 Newsletter

Upcoming Meetings:

April 13: Wayne Michael, AC9HP, with alternative low power radios.

May 11: Jim Baughn, K9EOH, author of the "Hamshack Raspberry Pi" will be discussing the computer history leading to the Raspberry Pi, the various versions and why they were developed.

Highlights from the March Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by club president David Spoelstra, N9KT. There were just under 40 in attendance.

David announced that Jim Rinehart, K9RU, has been working hard on the IVY Tech club station, and the station is operational on practically all ham bands. Contact Jim for access to the station. Access can be had on Monday afternoons.

Regarding Field Day, Jace Thompson, KD9BIG, will be coordinating the club's efforts, and Brian Smith, W9IND, will be coordinating scheduling. HDXCC, the RCA club, and SATERN will be joining forces with the IRC this year.

May 19 is the bus trip to Hamvention. *[check for more info in separate article following.]*

The club will once again be sponsoring the Hilltop competition, with Tony Stokes, KU9V, coordinating it again. More information to follow.

The Indiana QSO Party is May 5. Please remember to specify IRC as your club when submitting INQP logs. See more detailed info on the INQP later in this newsletter.

Special Event Station W9IMS is getting ready to fire up in May. Contact David, N9KT, Jim, K9RU, or Jay, W9TC, for more information.

Club treasurer Rhonda Curtis, WS9H, addressed a change in when member dues will be collected. In the past, everyone was on their “own schedule”, with their dues being due on the “anniversary month” of their original membership. Rhonda announced the club’s board of directors had approved that effective at the beginning of the 2018-19 club year, everyone’s dues will be due at the September meeting, with new memberships coming in after September being on a pro-rated schedule.

David recognized 2 new hams in the audience, plus one ham new to the area.

Next, David introduced the evening’s speaker, Kermit Carlson, W9XA, ARRL Central Division Director. Kermit has been licensed since the 70’s, and is active on all bands from 10GHz to 160 meters.

Kermit gave a summary of some recent changes in the upper administration of the ARRL: Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, stepped down as ARRL CEO, effective March 1. Mr. Barry Shelly, N1VXY, was elected as interim CEO (former CFO), and Mrs. Diane Middleton, KC1BQF, was elected as CFO.

Kermit said the Official Observer (OO) program is going to be changing a bit, pending FCC approval. This is especially important with the FCC shutting down Field Offices. Kermit touched on the Public Service Enhancement Working Group. He also explained the new rules for DXCC country status: IARU Member Society AND US State Department recognition as an independent country.

Kermit also talked about the Life Long Learning Program, and announced that one of the things that has been recently enacted is upon the death of a Life Member of the ARRL, that Life Membership will transfer to the surviving licensed spouse.

Kermit addressed the Entry Level License Committee Report. This committee was formed due to concerns about the rising number of licensees choosing to let their licenses

lapse. Point your browser to <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/About%20ARRL/Committee%20Reports/2017/January/1701-ELL.pdf> for the complete report and substantiating data. *[more info on this later in this newsletter]*

Kermit spoke proudly of the “Force of 50” hams deployed to assist the Red Cross with Puerto Rico’s recovery after being hit by hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Kermit spoke a bit about the censure of Southwestern ARRL Director Dick Norton, N6AA. For more information regarding this point your browser to <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-board-of-directors-publicly-censures-southwestern-division-director>

Ham Radio News:

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE BUS TO HAMVENTION

The Indianapolis Radio Club is once again hosting a bus to the Hamvention. Cost for the round trip is the same as last year, \$30 per person. HOWEVER, if you rode the bus last year, due to issues with the bus, your ticket will only be \$15! Once again, this special price is only for those that rode last year. Tickets are available for purchase at a meeting or can be purchased by mailing your request with a check to the club’s treasurer: Rhonda Curtis, 5936 Riva Ridge Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46237.

The bus will be going over on Saturday, May 19, with the first pick up at Southern Plaza Shopping Center, 4200 South East St, Indianapolis at 5:30am, and the second pick up will be at Peddler’s Mall, 7803 E Washington St, Indianapolis at 6:00am.

There will be a stop for breakfast on the way over and a dinner stop on the return trip. (Meal costs not included in bus ticket price.) Tickets for the Hamvention are available on line now at <http://hamvention.org/purchase-tickets/>.

INQP COMING IN MAY!

It's spring, meaning it's time to start planning for the Indiana QSO Party on May 5. Not only is this the annual running of the popular (and fun) INQP, it's also a chance to shake down your mobile or club's field day setup by activating some of the more "rare" Indiana counties. This is a great opportunity to become "the hunted" and experience pileups looking to work YOU!

The INQP is a great time to get Indiana on the air! Also, if you're looking for some "wallpaper" for your shack, there are some great certificates and plaques available in the INQP. You can operate from your home station, or for more fun and bigger pileups, you can operate mobile or portable/rover from some of the more "rare" counties, or even on county lines to be able to hand out contacts for two (or more) counties!

When submitting logs (N1MM and other popular logging programs have INQP templates), be sure to put Indianapolis Radio Club down as your club to put the club in the running for a club plaque. Once you figure out your operating plan, drop an email to Tim Gennett, K9WX, at timk9wx@gmail.com so he can put you on the map of stations operating from Indiana. Point your browser to <http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/> for more details on the event, and get on the air May 5!

UPCOMING EVENTS NEEDING HAM RADIO SUPPORT

March 24: Sam Costa Run in Hamilton County supported by HCARES/CIARA. Go to http://volunteer.getmeregistered.com/events/open_opportunities.php?id=363 to volunteer.

March 31: Carmel Marathon, supported by HCARES/CIARA.

May 5: 500 Festival Mini-Marathon. Contact Mike Palmer, N9FEB, to volunteer at N9FEB@comcast.net or at (317) 753-8691

May 26: 500 Festival Parade. Contact Mike Palmer, N9FEB, to volunteer.

October 6 - 7: Hilly Hundred Bicycle Event. Contact the Bloomington Amateur Radio Club rep Tom Myers, K9TEM at tmyers@bluemarble.net

October 6: Lawrence Half Marathon. Contact Jeff Skinner, NN7C@comcast.net to volunteer.

October 20: American Diabetes Assn. Tour-de-Cure. Contact Tony Stokes at KU9V@arrl.net to volunteer.

November 3: Monumental Marathon. Contact Mike Palmer, N9FEB, to volunteer.

ARRL REQUESTS EXPANDED HF PRIVILEGES FOR TECHS

ARRL has asked the FCC to expand HF privileges for Technician licensees to include limited phone privileges on 75, 40, and 15 meters, plus RTTY and digital mode privileges on 80, 40, 15, and 10 meters. The FCC has not yet invited public comment on the proposals, which stem from recommendations put forth by the ARRL Board of Directors' Entry-Level License Committee, which explored various initiatives and gauged member opinions in 2016 and 2017.

Specifically, ARRL proposes to provide Technician licensees, present and future, with phone privileges at 3.900 to 4.000 MHz, 7.225 to 7.300 MHz, and 21.350 to 21.450 MHz, plus RTTY and digital privileges in current Technician allocations on 80, 40, 15, and 10 meters. The ARRL petition points out the explosion in popularity of various digital modes over the past 2 decades. Under the ARRL plan, the maximum HF power level for Technician operators would remain at 200 W PEP. The few remaining Novice licensees would gain no new privileges under the League's proposal.

For the complete article regarding this from the ARRL, point your browser to <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-requests-expanded-hf-privileges-for-technician-licensees>

2018 ARRL IN STATE CONVENTION AT INDY HAMFEST

The following note from ARRL Indiana Section Manager, Brent Walls, N9BA:

I am pleased to announce that the 2018 ARRL Indiana State Convention will be hosted at the Indianapolis Hamfest this year. The Indianapolis Hamfest will be on July 13th and 14th at the Marion County Fairgrounds located at 7300 E Troy Avenue in Indianapolis. You can learn more about the hamfest by visiting www.indyhamfest.com.

The State Convention is an opportunity to learn about what is going on around the state from many of our ARRL volunteer leaders. The ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager, Mike Corey KI1U, will be in attendance for the convention and speaking at one of the forums. Mike is a native Hoosier from the Kokomo area. The ARRL Central Division Director, Kermit Carlson W9XA, will also be on hand to answer questions.

I hope you are able to attend the convention this year and look forward to speaking with many of you.

Please share this information with fellow hams that may not be ARRL members.

73,
Brent

AREA WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING ANNOUNCED

Thursday, March 22: 3:00 pm Marion County

Tuesday, March 27: 6:30 pm Marion County

Point your browser to <http://www.weather.gov/ind/spotter#train> for more info.

UPCOMING INDIANAPOLIS AREA TESTING SESSIONS

Anderson IN 46016-2238

Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club

Date: Mar 20 2018

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Stephen M. Riley

(765) 425-4627

Email: smriley@hughes.net

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Madison County EOC

200 Delaware St

Anderson IN 46016-2238

Mooresville IN 46158-1333

Sponsor: Formidable Amt Radio Team

Date: Mar 20 2018

Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Matthew C. Payne

(317) 210-0443

Email: kb9uje@qsl.net

VEC: LAUREL MD

Location: Brown Township Government Ctr

471 N Samuel Moore Pkwy

Mooresville IN 46158-1333

Indianapolis IN 46254-2407

Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club-W9JP

Date: Apr 14 2018

Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: James K. Rinehart

(317) 721-1458

Email: k9ru@arrl.net

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility

4020 Georgetown Rd

Indianapolis IN 46254-2407

Anderson IN 46016-2238

Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club

Date: Apr 17 2018

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Stephen M. Riley

(765) 425-4627

Email: smriley@hughes.net

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Madison County EOC

200 Delaware St

Anderson IN 46016-2238

Franklin IN 46131-9025

Sponsor: Mid State ARC

Date: Apr 21 2018

Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Kevin J. Nuetzman

(317) 523-9909

Email: kevinnuetzman@gmail.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: REMC Building

750 International Drive

Franklin IN 46131-9025

FOR SALE

National NCL-2000 Linear amp \$500

80-10 meters 1000 watts out plus.

Pair of RCA 8122 tetrodes

Input drive selectable 20W or 100W (either will drive the amp to full output)

This amplifier was donated to the Indianapolis Radio Club and I have checked it out and I am currently using it with my SB-104A.

I do have the TA33 tribander for \$100 and Jay, W9TC, has a TA33 tribander with the 40M extensions for \$125.

Jim Rinehart K9RU

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FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at kj9b@arrl.net

Signals from the Past:

From the February - March, 1953 *Amachewer*:

For the summer months the club has adopted the following for the summer months of July, August, and September. During these months the club will meet only on the 2nd and 4th Friday nights. *[Note that at this time, the club met EVERY Friday night! - Ed.]*

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- April 7: Columbus Hamfest at Bartholomew County Fairgrounds. More info at <http://carcnet.net/>
- May 18-20: Hamvention 2018 (Formerly Dayton) More info at <http://hamvention.org/>
- July 13 & 14: Indianapolis Hamfest and 2018 ARRL Indiana State Convention. Go to <http://www.indyhamfest.com/> for more info.

2018 Officers:

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – davids@mediamachine.com
- Vice Pres.: Dave Miller, K9RTT - dmiller@ivytech.edu
- Secretary: Ken Bandy, KJ9B - kj9b@arrl.net
- Treasurer: Rhonda Curtis, WS9H - ws9h.indy@gmail.com
- Chief Operator: Jace Thompson, KD9BIG - kd9big@arrl.net
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